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Seven Out of Every Eight  
Homes in Alma.

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WHOLE NO. 1534

## 22 MORE COUNTIES

Anti-Saloon League Preparing to  
Extend Michigan's Dry  
Territory.

## FRAMING UP LEGISLATION

Will Try to Have Local Option Prin-  
ciple Extended to Cities, Villages  
and Townships.

If the Michigan Anti-Saloon league  
plans for the coming spring pan out  
the nine dry counties in Western  
Michigan will not be lonesome after  
next May.

In twenty-two counties—most of  
them in the western half of the state  
—the league is already planning to  
submit the question, and three others  
may be added to the lists.

Last fall the league leaders an-  
nounced that they would try to sub-  
mit local option in twenty-four coun-  
ties this spring. Their campaign was  
late in starting and in several counties  
they forgot to figure that there was no  
fall meeting of the board of supervisors.  
Other matters intervened and the ques-  
tion was actually submitted in but  
fourteen in ten of them it carried.

"This time," said R. N. Holsanle,  
western Michigan manager for the  
league, "we shall have plenty of time  
for our campaign and it is safe to say  
the question of local option will be  
submitted in nearly every one of the  
counties we plan to enter."

"Sav, however, that we get petitions  
in only twenty counties. If we do as  
well at the polls as we did this spring  
there will be fifteen or sixteen more  
"dry" counties in Michigan after the  
first of May, 1909."

The counties it is planned to enter  
are mostly in the western part of the  
state, because the league sticks to the  
"dry." The managers believe "dry"  
territory is more apt to stay "dry" if  
it is surrounded with other "dry" terri-  
tory than if the surrounding are wet.  
It is for this reason that they choose  
contiguous counties to make their fight  
in.

"We do distinguish between a fight-  
ing chance and a chance to fight,"  
though," said Mr. Holsanle. "We do  
not believe it wise to submit local op-  
tion until the counties where it is to  
be submitted are ripe for it."

Following is the list of counties  
where Anti-Saloon league workers are  
trying to get the necessary petitions  
signed to insure submission.

Berrien	Montcalm
Calhoun	Clare
Ingham	Alcona
Ionia	Tuscola
Isabella	Hillsdale
Kalamazoo	Eaton
Huron	Ottawa
Newaygo	Macosta
Branch	Lake
Allegan	Oscoda
Livingston	Sanilac
And possibly in	Genesee
Benzie	Leelanau

Officers of the league have planned  
out their legislative campaign and the  
local option bill they propose to ask the  
legislature to pass is already being  
framed. It will extend local option to  
cities, townships, villages and resi-  
dence district though the ward feature  
of the league's bill will be cut out.

The puzzling point just now is to  
figure out how the residence district  
feature will be applied. There is no  
political unit to go by in holding elec-  
tions and many people object to the pe-  
tition plan.

The ward idea was given up because  
in many wards there are both business  
and residence districts and the divided  
interests made it seem advisable to cut  
out the ward idea.

A drastic plan of punishment for  
keepers of "blind pigs" will also be  
worked out. The "blind pig" flour-  
ishes both in dry and wet territory,  
but the leagues will get after him in  
both.

"I understand the liquor interests  
are making desperate efforts to get 17  
men in the senate, so that all anti-  
liquor legislation may be blocked,"  
said Mr. Holsanle.

"We are watching his situation and  
will see to it that the people know  
something of the affiliations of the men  
for whom they are asked to vote. We  
shall not be too disheartened if they  
are successful this time though, for we  
firmly believe that the longer the li-  
quor interests put off a decent local op-  
tion law by such methods the closer  
they get to absolute prohibition in the  
state."

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

F. Wilkinson, 28 Mt. Vernon, Wash.  
Eva Laverne, 35 Brockton, Ind.  
Ferman Dennis, 32 Alma  
Florence Boltz, 43 "  
Fred Elliott, 20 Elm Hall  
Lena Fay Richard, 16 "  
Isaac Moore, 56 New Haven  
Margaret Metcalf, 58 Montcalm Co.

## OFFICIAL REPORT.

Report of the official business of the  
Prosecuting Attorney of the County of  
Grafton for the six months ending June  
30th, 1908.

Total number of cases prosecuted, 199.
Arson.....1
Adultery.....1
Assault and Battery.....11
Assault with intent to commit rape.....1
Burglary.....1
Bastardy.....1
Being a tippler.....1
Cruelty to Animals.....4
Carrying concealed weapons.....1
Desertion.....12
Disposing of chattel mortgaged property.....1
Disturbing School.....1
Disturbing religious meeting.....1
Defrauding Hotel Keeper.....4
Drunk.....20
Dissemination.....4
Larceny.....4
Malignant injury to Telephone wires.....2
Malignant injury to Railway cars.....2
Malignant threats.....1
Not burying dead animal.....1
Rape.....1
Removing fruit trees.....2
Statutory rape.....1
Violating Liquor Law.....8
Violating Game Law.....1
Vagrancy.....1
Violating School Law.....14
Total number convicted.....94
Total number acquitted.....7
Total number Nolle Prossed.....3
Total number dismissed on payment of costs.....5

JOHN M. EVERDEN,

Prosecuting Attorney.

## FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

To the voters of Grafton County.  
I take this means of announcing to  
the voters of Grafton County that I am  
a candidate for re-nomination for Pro-  
secuting Attorney on the Republican  
ticket at the primaries to be held on the  
first day of September, 1908.

I am now nearing the close of my  
first term. It has been my aim to en-  
force the observance of all our laws in a  
reasonable, consistent and economical



mannor, to the end that peace and good  
order might exist in every community.  
If re-nominated and re-elected, I shall  
continue the same policy.

I shall greatly appreciate the support  
of all my friends throughout the County  
and all those who have confidence in  
the manner in which the affairs of the  
office of Prosecuting Attorney have  
been conducted during the past two  
years.

JOHN M. EVERDEN,

Ithaca, July 25th, 1908. 1534E

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

I am a candidate for the nomination  
of sheriff of the Republic ticket sub-  
ject to the primaries to be held Sept. 1st.  
I was born in Newark township, Gra-  
tison county and have lived there all my  
life. Am a farmer, I have served as  
deputy under the present sheriff's ad-  
ministration, I believe in all law en-  
forcement and pledge myself if elected  
to do my duty. A vote for me at the  
primaries Sept. 1st, 1908 will be highly  
appreciated.

Yours very truly,

ALFRED WILLERT.

Dated July 27, 1908. 1534F

## AUTOMOBILE TOUR.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Richardson  
left last Wednesday in their auto for  
Detroit, from which city they were to  
take the boat for Buffalo where they  
resumed their automobile trip through  
New York state to Albany then through  
the Berkshire Hills and Massachusetts  
to Boston and the White Mountain  
country. They expect to be absent  
from Alma three or four weeks.

## POOR INVESTMENT.

Edward Lundy, of Owosso, was ar-  
rested about two weeks ago, charged  
with furnishing liquor. He was  
before Judge Smith last Tuesday and  
the complaint charged to disorderly  
conduct, to which he pled guilty and  
was fined \$10.00 and costs, amounting  
to \$45.25, which he paid.—St. Louis  
Independent.

Read every page of the Record.

## BIG FAMILY REUNION

Held by Fleming Family at St.  
Louis—First Time Entire Fam-  
ily Ever Met Together

## FOUNDER A GRATIOT PIONEER

Came here in 1865. Helped Shape and  
Settle the New Country in this  
End of the State

On the 16th of July the family rela-  
tives of Charles M. Fleming, Esq.,  
twenty-five in number, met in the G.  
A. R. Hall at St. Louis, to hold their  
annual reunion. This was the first time  
they had gathered together in the  
vicinity of the old home in West Pine  
River.

Charles M. Fleming and Elvira, his  
wife, with their family moved to West  
Pine River in the fall of '65 and  
settled upon a new farm near the  
Wright school-house. In those days  
the school-house was an important fac-  
tor in the life of the rural settlement  
in more ways than it is today. Not  
only was it the educational center of the  
community in the ordinary sense, but  
it was the forum of debating societies,  
spelling schools, the town caucus,  
Northern Gratiot had the usual num-  
ber of church organizations incident  
to a new settlement, but it had as yet  
no church buildings. The school-house  
became therefore the meeting place of  
the rural community. Scarcely a  
school district could be found in all  
that part of the county without regu-  
lar preaching services. The style of  
discourse in those days was somewhat  
heterogeneous, like the people them-  
selves—both in quality and creed. Yet,  
to the credit of those pioneer builders  
of public sentiment it must be ad-  
mitted that many were strong, capable,  
and conscientious preachers, and doubt-  
less more than any other class of men  
in those days, moulded and directed  
the general character of the people to  
the present high status of intelligence  
and morality.

In those days the services of Mr.  
Fleming as Sunday school superinten-  
dent and organizer were much in de-  
mand. He was a good Bible student  
and practiced religion in the home.  
He made it the business of his every-  
day life. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fleming  
lived to see their children grown to  
manhood and womanhood and to be  
actively identified with the church of  
their fathers. One son fell at the bat-  
tle of Shiloh. He lies buried under the  
green sod of the Southland. An-  
other, the eldest, died in the strength  
of his manhood, leaving a loyal help-  
mate with her family to face the prob-  
lems incident to the home alone. The  
other six children are settled in life,  
and are bearing their full share in its  
responsibility.

The following names represent those  
present at this reunion: Mr. and Mrs.  
C. L. Fleming and Marion Fleming, of  
Madison, Wis.; Mrs. Eliza and Mrs.  
Francis Fleming, William, Cora, Eleanor  
and Irwin Fleming, of West Pine Riv-  
er, Gratiot Co.; Irving L. Fleming and  
wife of Central Pine River, Wis.; D.  
C. Fleming, Hattie and George Fleming,  
of Charlotte; Delon Fleming, of  
West Branch; Rev. J. H. Fleming and  
wife and Mary E. and Master Ralston  
Fleming of Saginaw; Duane I. Fleming,  
of Hillsdale; Elsie Fleming and Master  
Delmon Elison, of Alma; Master Mer-  
win Fleming, of Elwell, and Mr. and  
Mrs. Fred N. Humphreys, of St. Louis.  
The day was all that could be desired  
though far too short for all the home  
songs and old time memories indulged  
therein.

"We rehearsed the pranks of our boy-  
hood  
And the homes that we cherished, when  
In the strength of the years unfolding,  
We should reach the stature of men."

The festivities closed with Dr. Ran-  
kin's closing hymn: "God be with you  
till we meet again."

## ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Mrs. Mary Baker, Oat Cramer, Edw.  
Crowell, Miss Della Evans, J. C. Gard-  
ner, J. S. Goldie, Arthur R. Graham,  
Miss Mary Hamilton, Master Russell  
Johnson, Geo. J. Martin, Ray Palmer,  
Mrs. Fred Park, Matej Silhavy, Mrs.  
Hilda Smith, Miss Eulalia Southernland,  
Edwin A. Torrey, J. C. Welch, Miss  
Whitehead, from Coldwater, Mason  
Wilber, Joan Kosty, Johan Lager.  
The above if not called for will be sent  
to the dead letter office Aug. 10, 1908.  
G. F. Brown, Postmaster.

## SEVILLE PICNIC.

The Annual Picnic of the Seville and  
Sawyer Farmer's Club will be held  
at Wiley's Grove, Thursday, Aug. 6th.  
Judge Kelley S. Seal has promised to  
be with us and will be the speaker of  
the day. A good old fashioned basket  
picnic in the woods. Come everybody  
and have a good time.

By Order of Committee.

## MAY INCREASE RATE.

With a decrease in ticket sales at  
many of the railroad stations in the  
state and the very decided increase of  
the cash sales of fares on trains,  
which in consequence makes the con-  
ductor in charge of the passenger train  
far more work, a movement is on foot  
among all conductors to secure a  
change in the present system.

With the inauguration of two-cent  
fares the traveling public has not been  
particular about securing tickets be-  
fore getting on trains. Consequently  
the conductor has to collect fares,  
make change and give receipts, instead  
of simply passing through the train and  
collecting tickets.

With stations close and heavy traffic  
it is impossible for the conductor to  
properly do his work and the men are  
taking the first steps toward having a  
change. To bring this about they are  
presenting petitions on all roads in the  
state to the different conductors getting  
signatures asking that the legislature  
change the law so that all fares collect-  
ed on trains shall be charged at the  
rate of three cents per mile.

In this way it is believed that more  
tickets will be purchased at stations  
because of the saving of one cent per  
mile.

By passengers getting their tickets  
before entering the car it will give the  
conductor more time to properly look  
after his train.

## "SOMETHING JUST AS GOOD."

The disposition of many dealers to  
sell what they happen to have rather  
than procure what their customers  
ask for is so general as to make the  
phrase, "something equally as good,"  
serve as a rather stale jest. Men ad-  
vertise a product which they have put  
money and brains into. It is a legiti-  
mate investment on which they are  
entitled to a return if the article is as  
they represent it. When retailers  
meet the demand thus created by  
palming off on the customers some-  
thing that the latter have not desired,  
but which the seller represents as  
"equally as good," they are guilty of a  
gross wrong and even a substantial  
fraud. When an advertiser has created  
a market no other man has a right  
to benefit by this outlay and substitute  
his own product to meet a de-  
mand which another has created and  
paid for. The practice of substitution  
is not only vicious in principle, and  
often a great wrong and deception to  
purchasers, but even where the article  
substituted is a good one, its sale robs  
another of a profit that belongs to the  
latter by all equity and right.

## ST. LOUIS LOST TO ALMA.

The Alma ball team which met de-  
feat at St. Louis the 4th of July at the  
hands of the St. Louis team retrieved  
itself for its former defeat by beating  
the St. Louis team Saturday 6 to 5.  
The game was actually not as close as  
the score would indicate. In the ninth  
with the bases full of St. Louis players  
one of the St. Louis men drove a hot  
one down the base line over third base.  
Rogers, who was playing that position  
allowed it to go deep into the field  
thinking it was a foul hit. But the  
umpire called it safe and before the ball  
was recovered from St. Louis, men had  
crossed the plate.

It was expected that the game would  
be for a \$30 purse as a return for the  
St. Louis game. But Manager-Captain  
Walker was unable to induce the Alma  
fans to raise the pot, hence the money  
end was cut out.

The batteries were Brown and And-  
erson for Alma and Burch and Harrison  
for St. Louis.

## FRED W. GRISWOLD

Who is gaining strength every day as  
a candidate for the nomination of Reg-  
ister of Deeds on the Republican ticket



Give him your support and vote at  
the Primaries, Sept. 1st.

## FOR SALE.

Gasoline launch, three horse-power,  
18 feet long, draws 8 inches water.  
Very speedy. In a 1 condition togeth-  
er with boat house on Pine River. Will  
be sold cheap. Inquire of S. Hagadorn

## JAMES G. KRESS,



CANDIDATE FOR THE NOMINATION FOR PROBATE JUDGE  
ON THE REPUBLICAN TICKET AT THE PRIMARIES  
TO BE HELD TUESDAY SEPTEMBER FIRST.

## ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Citizens of Gratiot County  
and the voters of the Republican party:  
I take this method of announcing to  
you my candidacy for the re-nomina-  
tion of County Clerk on the Republi-



can ticket at the primary election to  
be held Sept. 1st, 1908. Place an X  
before the name of Richard E. Hughes  
for County Clerk and take no chances  
of his meeting defeat for said office at  
that time.

Truly yours,

Richard E. Hughes.

Dated July 28, 1908.

## AUTO ACCIDENT.

Sunday F. E. Pollasky, Ely Brewbak-  
er and son, Tad, Harold Reynolds, Vern  
Morgan and Bert Sturdevant started for  
Crystal Lake in Mr. Pollasky's large  
automobile. Two miles south of Sum-  
ner, they met several rigs. One of these  
a pair of big colts driven by a young  
man should some signs of nervousness  
in approaching the automobile. Mr.  
Pollasky ran his machine up to the edge  
of the road, which is quite narrow, and  
stopped the engine. The horses when  
beside the machine began to rear and  
plunge. Fearing they would strike the  
automobile with their hoofs Mr. Pollasky  
leaved the brake and the machine  
gaining headway shot down and  
across the ditch into a rail fence. A  
piece of rail pierced the radiator putting  
the automobile out of commission.

## MAD DOG SCARE.

A few days ago a dog acting queerly  
on the streets of Belding attracted the  
attention of people passing. The ani-  
mal was kept watch of and suddenly  
began running up and down the streets  
biting every dog it came in contact  
with. The animal was finally killed  
and its head sent to Ann Arbor. Later  
Mayor Bricker received a telegram  
from the Pasteur institute which said  
that the dog was afflicted with rabies  
in the worst form. The authorities  
have issued orders that all dogs known  
to have been bitten by the animals be  
killed at once. The dog came into the  
city from the country and is said to  
have bitten considerable live stock on  
the farms over which it roamed.

## POULTRY WANTED.

We will make our last shipment of  
country while paying these prices, so  
remember the date, July 30th. Bring  
all poultry that you do not intend  
carrying over Car will be near Ann  
Arbor freight depot

Grand Lodge Poultry Co

## POMONA GRANGE.

Wright Grange will entertain Gratiot  
Pomona at Forest Hill, Aug. 8, 1908.  
It is hoped every master and lecturer of  
each subordinate grange will be repre-  
sented. It is hoped that each grange  
will be well represented. Come and  
hear one of the famous grange speakers,  
J. D. Helme, editor of Michigan Patron.

## PROGRAM.

10 a. m. Open in fifth degree. Regu-  
lar business committee to solicit for  
5th degree members.

12 m. Hour for good cheer, hand-  
shaking and getting acquainted.

1 a. m. The public is cordially in-  
vited to the afternoon meeting and  
listen to a good address.

Greeting song—Wright Grange.

Report of subordinate Granges.

Welcome to Wright Grange—B.

Markham.

Response from Pomona—Bert Muscott

Instrumental Music—Seaman Or-

chestra.

Paper, "What do We Work for?"—

Grange essay.

Music—Wright Grange.

Address—J. D. Helme, editor of

Michigan Patron.

Recitation—Lenora Lang.

Music—Seaman Orchestra.

Supper hour.

Dinner and supper served by Wright

Grange.

6.30 Conferring of 5th degree.

8.00 Program by Wright Grange in

the evening.

Mrs. M. C. Lake, Pomona Lecturer.

## PROBATE COURT.

Monday, July 30th was the hearing  
on the petition for the appointment of  
an administrator in the matter of the estate  
of Frank Hastings, deceased. Lillian  
L. Hastings was appointed adminis-  
tratrix of said estate.

On the same day Lawrence M. Sweet  
was appointed administrator of the es-  
tate of Aaron Dershem, deceased.

Friday, July 24th a petition was filed  
for the probate of will in the matter of  
the estate of Joseph Wheeler, deceased.  
Hearing set for August 25th.

Saturday, July 25th an application  
was filed for the appointment of special  
commissioners in the matter of the  
Den drain. Hearing set for August 11.

On the same day an application was  
filed for the appointment of special  
commissioners in the matter of the  
Mattison drain. Hearing set for Aug-  
ust 15th.

Monday, July 27th, Wm. C. Lawrence  
was appointed administrator in the  
matter of the estate of James C.  
Lawrence, deceased.

Saturday July 25th Ellsworth D.  
Corey was appointed special adminis-  
trator in the matter of the estate of  
Francis J. Corey, deceased.

## NOTICE.

To Cemetery lot owners, if you want  
your lots and flower beds at the cem-  
etery kept up it will be necessary for  
you to pay your assessment of one dollar  
at once to the city clerk. A few have  
paid others have not and the expense of  
keeping individual lots up is so great  
that this small assessment is asked and  
payment requested.

By Order of Cemetery Board.

For the news Read The Record.

## UNITED IN MARRIAGE

Rural Carrier Charles Harlock and  
Miss Kate Archer Wed at  
Grand Rapids

## POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE

Bride and Groom Receive Many Con-  
gratulations—Lady Patrons on  
His Route Welcome Him Back

Charles Harlock and Miss Kate Arch-  
er both of this city were married Wed-  
nesday, July 22 at the home of Mrs.  
George Steketee, the bride's cousin in  
Grand Rapids.

The wedding was quiet being attend-  
ed by the near relatives and friends  
of the bride and groom. Rev. M. Woot-  
on formerly pastor of the First Method-  
ist church of this city performed the  
ceremony. After a brief wedding tour  
the couple returned to Alma and began  
housekeeping at the groom's home at  
518 West Centre St.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Harlock are well  
known here. The bride has been a  
trained nurse in the city for the past  
eight years and has made her home  
with J. S. Caple and family. The  
groom is rural carrier on Route No. 5  
out of Alma and is one of Alma's popu-  
lar young men.

Rural Mail Carrier Harlock and his  
bride were pleasantly surprised  
Monday evening by the employees of  
the local postoffice. The latter called  
on Mr. and Mrs. Harlock in a body and  
extended their congratulations. They  
also presented them with a handsome  
rocking chair. Refreshments were  
served and a pleasant evening was  
spent.

Carrier Harlock on returning to his  
route No. 5, Monday morning found  
the news of his recent marriage had  
preceded him over the entire route.  
About five miles out he encountered a  
barricade in the shape of a rail across  
the road. On getting out to investigate  
he was surrounded by about 50 ladies,  
all patrons of his route. They pro-  
ceeded to hail him and his mail wagon  
and decorated him profusely with pig-  
weed wreaths and handsome weeds.  
Mr. Harlock received the good natured  
hazing in good humor and aside from a  
few extra blushes, came out of it all in  
good shape.

## GEO. W. LONG.